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This Government is very seriously concerned at communist infiltration in Guatemala and both congressional and public opinion are aroused at the failure of the Guatemalan Government to check this infiltration. Far from doing so, the Guatemalan Government has encouraged it and publicly associated itself with avowed communist adherents and aims.

We feel that the establishment of a communist bridgehead in an American republic is a threat equally to all of the American republics. The reality of this threat is emphasized by the continuing efforts which communists are making, using Guatemala as a base, to infiltrate other Central American republics.

You are requested to make these views known to the Brazilian Foreign Minister on a very informal and confidential basis. You should emphasize that this Government would deeply appreciate an informal expression of the Brazilian Government's views regarding the situation in Guatemala and that it has not and is not consulting the government of any other American republic regarding the situation at the present time.

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